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indeed esteem  
it a honor  
& privilege to  
introduce you  
I would not a  
single allude to  
my beloved sister  
but to tell you  
about I think she  
will not of her  
being dead  
I am sure is truly  
pleased & that I  
am planning  
something which  
she may be to help  
the cause. The  
time is very  
short - I feel  
like much to say  
you devoted to  
the cause I feel  
becoming cold. The glorious cause of  
Abolition is becoming more & more  
interesting - dearest & dearest to our  
hearts. I venture, knowing the  
many claims you have on your  
time & attention again to intrude  
a few lines upon you - But I  
feel, from your previous kindness  
that you will not deem it intrusion -  
I will not deny that the  
privilege of writing to one so devoted  
to a cause I love, may not have  
some share in the motions impelling  
me to address you - but I think if  
I know my own heart there is one  
still more powerful & that is, the  
wish to encourage the noble & devoted  
band in your country who are

Labouring with so much disinterestedness  
to zeal on behalf of the poor Slave -  
It is possible the American dele-  
gates who came over to the so called  
'Evangelical Alliance' (but which prove  
a most unrighteous one when its  
admitted terms) may give their reports  
as to the Anti Slavery feeling in our  
country - & alas! they have, to the  
eternal disgrace of the Alliance their  
side of the question in which to triumph  
But it has been proved by the enthu-  
siasm with which our friends George  
Thompson, W. L. Garrison & F. Douglass  
have every where been received, that  
the Evangelical Alliance is not  
the Unitarian Kibbly - And they are  
also aware of it, & now I believe the  
Alliance is broken up - on the very  
question of Slavery - We feel assured  
if ever re-organized its basis will be  
far different & both the Man Stealer  
& his apologist will be excluded from  
it - But no thanks to them, this has  
been forced upon them by our devo-  
tely championed arousing the country



from back to back & ~~the~~ the voice of  
the people is too powerful to be resist-  
ed - We blush for our country,  
we blush for those we have without  
honour & love - & to find them  
now, instead of nobly retreating their  
errors & saying 'We have erred  
but we repent - we did wrong & are  
sorry for it' - ~~xxx~~ descending meekly  
& pitifully to calumniate where they  
cannot answer & to misrepresent  
what they cannot gainsay - You  
will hear that we have had the  
high privilege of entertaining our  
three beloved friends Messrs Thompson,  
Garrison & Douglass & that they  
held a meeting in our little town -  
You must not calculate the interest  
excited by the numbers present, but  
by the size of the building which  
was filled to overflowing & would  
have been so had it been capable  
of containing as many more -  
Nevertheless in a population of  
between six & seven thousand,  
one thousand actually present is a

goodly proportion - I cannot attempt  
to describe the enthusiastic interest  
the overwhelming emotion kindled  
by all present - it is universally  
acknowledged the best meeting ever  
held in our town on any occasion  
& until nearly midnight the speakers  
were listened to with a capt attention  
an intense interest I mean I have seen  
passed & seldom equalled - Well.  
ours was a meeting condemnatory of  
the course taken by the Alliance on  
the question of slavery & with one ex-  
ception unanimous - that one was a  
member of the Alliance, who has, how-  
ever expressed his determination to  
withdraw unless they get right on  
that subject - It would be quite  
useless now to try to give you an  
idea of the argument, the irresistible  
eloquence we then heard - Had we  
not been anti-slavery before, we  
must have become so, The best  
of all is - many, very many have  
had their dormant feelings aroused  
& seldom do we meet more cordially



without this being the all engross-  
ing topic of conversation. Much  
good has resulted - will result from  
investigation & discussion - There is  
a cause which can bear the light  
& gains by all that its friends re-  
turn its merits can say about it.  
The latter lead people to inquire for  
themselves & then the truth is elicited  
& surely by all this the slave  
& his advocates are aided & opposi-  
tion only helps where it would hinder.  
We are going to be very busy in con-  
vassing for members to The League.  
We are also getting up a petition  
from our women to their sisters  
in America & hope ~~also~~ to furnish  
our quota to the one from the  
working men - We are not forgetting  
the Weyman - our contribution for  
this year is now in Edinburgh &  
we are again commencing, (with  
promises from several dear friends  
to aid us) for our next - Oh there  
is much - very much to encourage  
& stimulate, the cause is rapidly

gaining friends & workers - In several  
different localities hitherto quite inac-  
tive friends have promised to take  
books & canvass for the League &  
one or two friends hope to get up  
a box for the Boston Bazaar of  
1847 - There is nothing to discour-  
age but the short comings of those  
who should have been faithful  
& they must retract their steps or  
forfeit the confidence of the public -  
F. Douglass has been working won-  
drously - he is a living example of  
the capabilities of the slave, & though  
we do not expect all to be equally  
gifted, he proves that they are not  
what they have been mis-represented,  
mere chattels - with bodies formed  
for Herculean labour, but without  
minds - without souls - As to you  
& our beloved William Lloyd Garrison  
we had heard of him & expected  
to find him worthy of our love &  
esteem - but with the grace of Heaven



e we can truly say 'The half had  
not been told us' - Now were we  
more delighted, there is a beautiful  
transparency & an argumentative  
eloquence - combined with a zeal  
& energy seldom combined in the  
same individual - There is moreover  
a truthfulness which carries conviction  
with every word he says -  
Our own George Thompson is  
what he once was, the uncompromi-  
sing enemy of oppression, the de-  
stroyer of the oppressors - be he  
who he may, & surely his task has  
now been a painful one, for he  
has had to expose some who were  
his dearest friends - but he shrinks  
not from duty however repugnant  
it may be to feeling - The champion  
of man's equal rights all the world  
over indeed is he - It matters not  
whether we be in the East, or you in  
the West - the culprits, he pleads

the cause of the wronged in both  
hemispheres & And alike be censured  
East India Directors or American D. S.  
And his denunciations are ~~powerful~~  
enough to make the guilty quail  
as they do - for they are joined  
forth with an irresistible might  
& majesty - you have indeed one here  
who has the Anti Slavery cause in his  
very heart & so interested in his very  
feeling that it forms a part of himself  
St. C. Wright too has been very active  
both with his tongue & his pen,  
we hope to know him personally  
next week - We trust there will be  
a glorious band of abolitionists in  
Liverpool to bid farewell to the  
noble & devoted Garrison when he  
sails for his native land - We  
long to know you all - Mr R. D. Webb  
gave us some idea that you would be  
crossing the Atlantic, how we should  
rejoice to welcome you - do not in the  
multitude of your friends forget  
that Weyham contains two who will